

WINSLOW RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and of the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

and

SURVEYOR

for the year

1972



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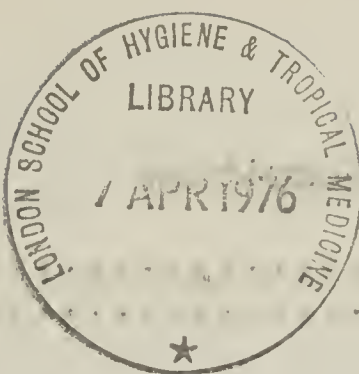
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REPRESENTING

Drayton Parslow
Dunton
East Claydon
Granborough
Great Horwood
Hoggeston
Hogshaw
Little Horwood
Mursley
Nash
Newton Longville
Newton Longville
North Marston
Shenley Brook End
Stewkley
Stewkley
Swanbourne
Tattenhoe
Whaddon
Winslow
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Chairman Cclr. J. Morton.
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J.P.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1972.

The figures in the vital statistics need no comments, other than to say that they are well within national standards. The numbers of infectious diseases notified is now very small and the majority that occur are not serious. There were no outbreaks of food poisoning, though isolated cases have occurred and no doubt many incidents of this nature are never brought to our notice. During the last two weeks in December, an influenza epidemic built up, but declined fairly rapidly during early January.

My plea, in previous reports, for adequate family planning service now seems to be bearing fruit. Parliament is actively engaged in framing legislation for this (at the time of writing this report), and in the meantime the County Council will be starting a comprehensive service in the coming year. I anticipate expanding the existing service at present supplied by the Family Planning Association.

The growing interest in Health Education by schools continues to demand more help in planning and presentation of courses in addition to supplying information and visual aid material to a number of schools. Youth clubs have also asked for, and received assistance in discussion groups on health topics in co-operation with youth leaders.

The now common problem of obesity is being tackled more vigorously with the setting up of a clinic in the health centre to give more direct assistance to individuals with this problem.

This is the penultimate annual report to this authority and the prospects for the future health service are far from reassuring or clear. If environmental health work is to be done properly and members of the public have reasonable access, it is essential that a local base be established where a full-time public health inspector can carry out his work. He can then get to know his area and what is more important the public can get to know him.

In the personal health field, two points especially are worth serious consideration. While we will not know the definition of the health district until the autumn or winter, there is a distinct possibility that this will be based on Aylesbury to cover north and mid Bucks. In other words, the "smallest population for which comprehensive health care can be planned, organised and provided" might include places as far apart as Long Crendon and Edlesborough in the south to Lavendon and Turweston in the north. This, despite the fact that planning arrangements followed for the past few years in the north have been similar to the proposals in the new N.H.S. Bill. Unless a district is formed corresponding roughly to the No.2 Local Government district, the expertise, experience and forward planning already used and carried out by many people from diverse disciplines will be dissipated.

The other point is a repetition of a case I made in last year's Report for adequate consumer representation. The proposed Community

Health Councils will require vigorous members if they are to have any effect at all. As the Area health authority is not an elected body, and half the Council will be members of this body, consumer influence will be minimal.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

Harris

Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS

			<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>
<u>Births</u>				
Live Births:	(Legitimate)	Males	83	91
		Females	77	75
	(Illegitimate)	Males	6	1
		Females	4	5
		Total	167	172
Still Births			3	NIL
Birth Rate (corrected) Winslow R.D.C.			15.6	19.2
England and Wales			14.8	16.0

<u>Deaths</u>			
<u>Deaths:</u>	Males	65	75
	Females	76	72
	Total	141	147
Death rate (corrected) Winslow		10.2	8.9
England and Wales		12.1	11.6
Infant Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 yr. per 1,000			
live births) Winslow R. D. C.		6.0	12.0
England and Wales		17.0	18.0

<u>Miscellaneous</u>				
Area (in acres)			36,436	
Population			10,370	10,220
Number of inhabited houses at 31st December 1972				
according to rate book			3,500	3,420
Rateable Value			£346,831	£337,781
Sum represented by penny rate			£9,700	£3,336

<u>Principal Causes of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Other infective and parasitic Diseases	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	-	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	2	2	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	11	1	12
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	5	5
Leukaemia	2	-	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms	1	2	3
Diabetes Mellitus	-	3	3
Other Diseases of Nervous System	-	1	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	1	1
Hypertensive Disease	1	4	5
Ischaemic Heart Disease	13	16	29
Other Form of Heart Disease	2	2	4
Cerebrovascular Disease	11	18	29
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	3	4	7
Influenza	1	-	1
Pneumonia	4	7	11
Bronchitis and Emphysema	4	1	5
Peptic Ulcer	-	1	1

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	2	-	2
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	1	1
Congenital Anomalies	-	1	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	1	-	1
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	1	-	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1	2
All Other Accidents	1	3	4
<u>Total all Causes</u>	65	76	141

PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES

Ambulance Service Administered by Bucks County Council from Aylesbury with a sub-station at Bletchley serving the north of the area, with a base at Buckingham.

Hospital Under the Oxford Regional Board. Patients are generally treated at Aylesbury. Outpatient facilities are also available in certain specialities at Bletchley, Buckingham and Wolverton.

Health Visiting Winslow Health Centre (Tel: 2215).

District Nursing/Midwifery Winslow Health Centre.

Industrial Unit (for subnormals) Whaddon Way, Bletchley.

Child Health Clinics Clinics are held at regular intervals at Winslow, Stewkley and Newton Longville. The mobile clinic visits Great Horwood, Little Horwood, Mursley, Drayton Parslow, Swanbourne, Nash, Whaddon and Shenley Brook End.

Dental Clinic Treatment is offered to children and expectant mothers at Bletchley, Buckingham and Aylesbury. In addition the dentist visits schools regularly.

Health Education Area Organiser - Mr. T. Watson at Area Health Office, Bletchley.

School Health Service Administered from Area Health Office, Bletchley. This includes arrangements for examination of pupils in accordance with the Education Act, 1944, ascertainment of handicap and arranging appropriate treatment. The Child Guidance Clinic is situated at Whalley Drive, Bletchley, B.C.G. vaccination against tuberculosis is carried out in the schools as well as polio, diphtheria, tetanus, measles and rubella antigens.

Health Centre Avenue Road, Winslow (Tel: 2215).

Contraception Advice Family Planning Clinics held at Whalley Drive Health Clinic, Water Eaton Health Centre, Bletchley, and the Meacham Clinic, Wolverton. For appointments telephone Bletchley 2285.

Marriage Guidance Sessions held at Whalley Drive Clinic, Bletchley and Health Centre, Winslow. For appointments tel. Bletchley 4500, and Health Centre, Winslow. (Appointments Tel. 2215).

Cervical Cytology By private doctor or at local authority clinics (Tel. Bletchley 4701 for appointment).

Occupational Therapy 226, Queensway, Bletchley.

Social Services Department Area Social Worker - Mr. P. K. Smith, Maybrook House, 224, Queensway, Bletchley. (Tel: Bletchley 4701).

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A - SEWERAGE

Existing Sewers and Disposal Works

During the year all works continued to function satisfactorily and effluent samples taken by the River Boards were generally up to the required standard. Details of the samples taken are given below:-

<u>Works</u>	<u>No. taken</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Drayton Parslow	4	4	0
Great Horwood	6	6	0
North Marston	5	3	2(margin-ally)
Shenley (Housing Plant)	5	4	1(margin-ally)
Stewkley	4	4	0
Swanbourne	6	6	0
Whaddon	6	6	0
Winslow	5	3	2(margin-ally)

As reported last year the works at Drayton Parslow, Great Horwood and North Marston are now probably taking effluent in excess of their design capacity. Even so reasonable effluents are still being produced. However, should any further extensive development be likely the new Authority will have to work in close liason with the new Regional Water Authority to ensure that works are enlarged or replaced as and when necessary.

East and Botolph Claydon and Winslow Works Extension.

This scheme was started during the year and good progress was made. The sewerage of East Claydon will mean that all the major parishes in the District will be served by a sewerage system. The enlargement of the Winslow Works will also enable the Winslow Expansion Plan to be implemented although, as a first step, there still remains to be started the scheme to provide one of the trunk sewers and a pumping station. There is considerable interest in getting the Expansion Plan underway and I have no doubt that within a year or so there is likely to be a fairly steady and probably, accelerating rate of growth.

B - PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse Collection and Disposal

This is a service which is expanding week by week. Every new property occupied means additional refuse to be collected and an extra 'pick up' point to be added to the rounds. The nature and composition of refuse has also changed over the years, there now being more and more paper and packaging material and less fuel ash. Over the years the Council have improved the service and have changed from a fortnightly

kerbside collection to a weekly full pick-up service. We have not, of course, gone the one stage further (paper or plastic sacks) owing to the very heavy additional cost. This is, of course, the aim and intention of the new Authority in due course.

During the year 1972, we were faced with very difficult labour problems over a period of several weeks throughout the summer. The service we were able to give rapidly deteriorated for a time. When this happens it does, of course, directly affect the general public and they are immediately aware of it. However, the problems were eventually overcome and the usual weekly service was soon back to normal.

Streets Cleansing - Winslow

The only highways cleansed by the Council are as follows and these together with the Market Square are done at the latter end of each week. A litter collection is also carried out in the High Street on Mondays.

- (a) High Street
- (b) Station Road
- (c) Buckingham Road
- (d) Sheep Street
- (e) Horn Street

C - BUILDING CONTROL

Building control throughout the district is exercised by the Council. The number of applications dealt with during recent years is as follows:-

1972	.....	243
1971	.....	254
1970	.....	194
1969	.....	178

A large proportion of time continues to be spent on visits and inspections to ensure compliance with the Building Regulations.

D - PLANNING CONTROL

Under the Delegation Agreement made between the Council and the County Council certain functions of the Town and Country Planning Acts are exercised by the District Council.

The number of applications deposited during recent years is as follows:-

1972	.....	342
1971	.....	249
1970	.....	222
1969	.....	210
1968	.....	233
1967	.....	247
1966	.....	226
1965	.....	236
1964	.....	213

E. - SWIMMING POOLS

There is one swimming pool in the district (at Stewkley) and this is privately owned. It is, however, open to the public during the season and regular sampling of the water takes place, both by the owner and the Council to ensure that a satisfactory standard is maintained.

F - RODENT CONTROL

The control of rodents throughout the district is undertaken by one operative who is employed jointly by Wing and Winslow District Councils. During the year the following inspections and treatments were carried out.

	<u>Surveys</u>	<u>Treatments</u>
Dwellinghouses	1,177 (87)	178
Agricultural Properties	186 (20)	35
Business Properties	71 (8)	14

The figures in brackets are the numbers of properties surveyed as the result of notification of infestation. The Council's refuse tip at Stewkley and all sewage disposal works have been regularly inspected and treated when necessary.

During the year the usual testing and treating of public sewers took place and only very minor infestations had to be dealt with.

G. - OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

The number of registered premises at the end of 1972 was 30. At least one visit was paid to each of these premises during the year, and the premises generally complied with the provision of the Act.

The total number of employees in registered premises was 220.

H - HOUSING

<u>Discretionary Grant Applications</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>
(a) Number of applications received	7	16
(b) Amount of grant approved	£3,252	£7,784

Standard Grant Applications

(a) Number of applications received	25	20
(b) Number of applications approved	24	20
(c) Number of applications not yet dealt with	1	0
(d) Number of applications refused	0	0

Standard Grant totals agreed during the past few years are as follows:-

1972	£5,730
1971	£7,598
1970	£8,425
1969	£8,122
1968	£5,013
1967	£3,917

Of the above applications, eleven were for higher limit grants.

Council Houses

The number of houses owned by the Council at the 1st April, 1973 was:-

Pre-War	212
Post-War	634
Total	846

Private Houses

(a)	Number of unfit houses demolished during the year	0
(b)	Number of unfit houses closed during the year	0
(c)	Number of Qualification Certificates granted (following completion of works)	1
(d)	Number of Qualification Certificates granted (where amenities already existing).	1

I - WATER SUPPLIES

Water supply throughout the district is the responsibility of the Bucks Water Board. All parishes in the area are supplied and apart from a few isolated farms and other properties the vast majority of the population is served.

J - FACTORIES ACT, 1961

The following inspections were carried out during the year:-

	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occs. Pros.
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	2	NIL	NIL
Factories not included in the above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	19	15	NIL	NIL
	21	17	NIL	NIL

K - FOOD

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

Premises throughout the district falling within the scope of the Regulations are summarised as follows:-

CATEGORY	NO.	Fitted to comply with Reg.16. (Wash Basins)	To which Reg.19 applies (Sinks)	Fitted to comply with Reg. 19 (Sinks)
Gen. Stores	24	24	24	24
Butchers	6	5	6	6
Greengrocers	3	3	3	3
Confectioners	9	9	-	-
Fishmongers	2	2	2	2
Public Houses	26	26	26	26
Cafes	2	2	2	2
Bakeries	3	3	3	3
Bread/Cakes	1	1	1	0

Works Canteen	1	1	1	1
School Kitchens	12	12	12	12
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	89	88	80	79
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Slaughterhouses

There are no slaughterhouses within the district.

